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TEXT EXCERPT

This is Admiral Zacharias.

The broadcast you are about to hear is based partly on documents captured during or discovered after World War II. Some of them were used in evidence in the Nuremberg trial, others were never published before. The full story they tell is dramatized here for the first time on the air. They reveal one of history's most insidious plots, namely the Nazis' frantic attempt to develop bacterial warfare and to use it actually in their mad campaign against humanity. The research work of the German scientists continues today under different circumstances, but with equal vigor and skill behind the Iron Curtain.

The names of the German scientists used in tonight's drama are all real; also is the description of their activities, all based on documentary evidence. At the conclusion of this broadcast, I will discuss in detail the status of bacterial warfare in the USSR, and its strategic role in the calculations of the Soviet Union. But first, the fictionalized part of tonight's Secret Mission will be reported to you by a man I shall call Commander Mitchell.

This is Commander Mitchell. etc.

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This is Admiral Zacharias again. The drama you have just heard was based upon the great number of documents discovered by Allied intelligence in Germany during and after World War II. (Sigmund Rascha) and Karl (Gebhart) were real men, conducting the same kind of experiments as described here on the air tonight. (Gebhart) was apprehended, tried, sentenced and executed, paying the supreme penalty for his inhuman acts. But (Rascha) disappeared without a trace. He has never been found. There are two versions concerning his fate. According to one, he escaped into suicide. According to the other, he escaped into Russia.

Whatever happened to (Rascha), the known fact is that his associates in bacterial warfare are, at this very moment, continuing their work behind the Iron Curtain. They work behind the sealed and guarded doors of the laboratories on the Caspian Sea where the Soviet Academy of Science, a branch of the Soviet Government, maintains its huge bacterial warfare experimental stations.

Substantial sums of the Soviet military budget are spent on this project. And secrecy, surpassing even that which shrouds the Russian atomic energy program, is maintained in everything concerning bacterial warfare. The connection between

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the two projects is known. Bacterial warfare is in the calculations of the Russian leaders the Soviet Union's answer to atomic warfare. According to information at our disposal, obtained from men who worked themselves in the Caspian laboratories, the USSR is working on the defensive applications of atomic energy, but on the offensive application of bacterial warfare. This knowledge prompted the Hon. James F. Byrnes to say, when he was Secretary of State, and I quote: "Bacterial Warfare compared with the atomic bomb is an even more frightful method of human destruction." And an official US relaease regarded bacterial warfare, and I quote again, "even more deadly and malignant than the bomb."

However, there is no reason for panic or even apprehension. The West is fully equipped to determine and then to counteract an attack of this nature. But bear in mind that the bitterness with which our opponents wage their cold war recognizes no sentimental or ethical barriers. In this fact lies the tragedy of our times, in the callous contempt for morality in foreign affairs, in

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the bankruptcy of morality in international relations, inspired by the lowest nature of a regime bent upon world domination.

In a moment I will give you a word about next week's Secret Mission.

(Music)

A few weeks ago headlines of the world press announced the dramatic decision of a Russian deserter to return to the USSR, and certain death. No one seemed to know the motivations of this decison. The puzzle of this flight into destruction has never been explained; What caused this man's change of heart? Was this man a spy, scheming against the country which granted him haven?

Next week, Secret Mission will answer this hitherto unanswered question on the basis of material never before published, and the results of our own investigations. Until next week then, this is Admiral Zacharias saying good night.

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